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In response to that Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1, 4, 5 and 9-14 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A document processing system comprising:

document retaining means for retaining a plurality of folders each for storing at least one document;

candidate folder selecting means for selecting [a] at least one candidate folder suitable for retaining a new document by comparing a feature of the new document with an average of features of [the] documents stored in a folder among the plurality of folders; and

notifying means for providing [a] notification of the candidate folder selected by said candidate folder selecting means, in order that an operator can determine a folder in which the document will be stored, based on the notification.

4. (Twice Amended) A document processing system comprising:

judging means for judging a similarity degree between document information and a plurality of sets of information of documents stored in a folder;

similarity order calculating means for calculating a similarity order of a plurality of folders in accordance with the similarity judged by said judging means; and

notifying means for providing notification of the similarity order of the plurality of folders calculated by said similarity order calculating means, in order that an operator can determine a folder in which the document will be stored, based on the notification.

5. (Twice Amended) A document processing system comprising:

retaining means for retaining a plurality of folders, each for storing a plurality of sets of document information;

selecting means for selecting [a] at least one folder from among said plurality of folders based on a number

of sets of document information containing a keyword inputted as a search condition; and

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notifying means for providing a notification of the folder selected by said folder determining means, in order that an operator can determine a folder in which the document will be stored, based on the notification.

9. (Twice Amended) A document processing method comprising the steps of:

retaining a plurality of folders, each of which is for storing at least one document,

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selecting [a] at least one candidate folder suitable for retaining a new document by comparing a feature of the new document with an average of features of [the] documents stored in a folder among the plurality of folders; and

providing a notification of the candidate folder selected in said selecting step, in order that an operator can determine a folder in which the document will be stored, based on the notification.

10. (Twice Amended) A document processing method comprising the steps of:

judging a similarity degree between document information and a plurality of sets of information of documents stored in a folder;

calculating a similarity order of a plurality of folders in accordance with the similarity judged in said judging step; and

providing notification of the similarity order of the plurality of folders calculated in said calculating step, in order that an operator can determine a folder in which the document will be stored, based on the notification.

11. (Twice Amended) A document processing method comprising the steps of:

retaining a plurality of folders, each of which is for storing a plurality of sets of document information;

selecting [a] at least one folder from among the plurality of folders based on a number of sets of document information containing a keyword inputted as a search condition; and

providing [a] notification of the folder selected in said selecting step, in order that an operator can determine a folder in which the document will be stored, based on the notification.

12. (Twice Amended) A computer readable storage medium storing programs executing the steps of:

retaining a plurality of folders, each of which is for storing at least one document;

selecting [a] at least one candidate folder suitable for retaining a new document by comparing a feature of the new document with an average of features of [the] documents stored in a folder among the plurality of folders; and

providing a notification of the candidate folder selected in said selecting step, in order that an operator can determine a folder in which the document will be stored, based on the notification.

13. (Twice Amended) A computer readable storage medium storing programs executing the steps of:

judging a similarity degree between document information and a plurality of sets of information of documents stored in a folder;

calculating a similarity order of a plurality of folders in accordance with the similarity judged in said judging step; and

providing notification of the similarity order of the plurality of folders calculated in said calculating step, in order that an operator can determine a folder in which the document will be stored, based on the notification.

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14. (Twice Amended) A computer readable storage medium storing programs executing the steps of:

retaining a plurality of folders, each of which is for storing a plurality of sets of document information;

selecting [a] at least one folder from among the plurality of folders based on a number of sets of document information containing a keyword inputted as a search condition; and

providing [a] notification of the folder selected in said selecting step, in order that an operator can